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In re Application of :
David Deng :
Application No. 10/608,260 : DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: June 27, 2003 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)
Attorney Docket No. 05-09-2569 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 28, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action (Ex parte Quayle) mailed March 29, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on December 28, 2004.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply to the Ex parte Quayle action of March 29, 2004; (2) the petition fee \$750; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the Office action of March 29, 2004 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37

CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3218.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 3742 for appropriate action in the normal course of business on the reply received September 28, 2005.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frances Hicks".

Frances Hicks
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